

FROM PEW TO PUBLIC SQUARE

annual appeal 2023



“ I grew up in a bubble. It wasn't until I started dining with our guests each week that I realized that I was one of them. There is no difference between any of us.

We all have the same desires – to feel connection & to be loved.”

Diane Gaidon
Coordinator, Nourish Babylon

A neighbor fills a grocery bag with his selection of produce at the Pop-Up Pantry at St. Ann & the Holy Trinity in Brooklyn

Read their story. →



Dear Friend of Episcopal Ministries,

This October will mark 10 years since I began working with Episcopal Ministries of Long Island – our thriving, diocesan-wide network of parish-based ministries bringing Christ's love beyond the walls of our churches and into the public square.

What I'm most proud of is that our parish ministries foster long-term, supportive relationships with their neighbors. These ministries often engage community partners to expand the breadth and depth of support, but they always remain personal. When people need support from an EMLI-supported ministry, we know their name, their family, their life experiences. And when you experience that deep care, your life can be transformed for good.

This deep love and care for our neighbors is a natural result of knowing people personally, listening to their needs, and allowing our ministries – and our lives – to be changed by our fellowship with them.

When you give to Episcopal Ministries, know that these are the life-giving relationships you are a part of. Thank you.

Peace,



Mary Beth Welsh
Mary Beth Welsh
Executive Director



24,798

neighbors supported in a time of need



69,607 pounds

of produce & nutritious food distributed



19,912 hours

recorded by 989 volunteers



140 partnerships

fostered with community organizations



115,381 meals

served & shared



1,022 hours

of training & educational programs

Data reflects the impact of EMLI-supported ministries throughout 2022

MINISTRY FOCUS AREAS



Upholding Human Dignity

Ministries meeting the basic human rights to food, water, clothing, and housing for all our neighbors across the diocese



Building Beloved Community

Ministries that work to tear down systems of oppression and provide opportunities for people to grow as reconcilers, justice-makers, and healers in the name of Christ



Caring for God's Creation

Ministries sustainably nurturing the natural world and educating the public on the urgency of the climate crisis, which threatens the most vulnerable among us



Fostering Solidarity & Belonging

Ministries ensuring that all members of our community can live abundant, fruitful lives by creating space for connection, learning, and support



Lauren pushes a cart of produce the two blocks from Perelandra, a local food market that donates food to the Pop-Up Pantry, to St. Ann's & the Holy Trinity

WELCOMING AN AFGHAN REFUGEE FAMILY IN BROOKLYN

In September 2021, the parishioners at All Saints' in Park Slope and Christ Church in Cobble Hill mobilized 60 volunteers and raised 40 thousand dollars to sponsor an Afghan refugee family after the U.S. withdrawal from the country spawned a new refugee crisis. This team of volunteers was tasked with finding employment for the father, accompanying the mother to her Pashto-speaking OBGYN during two pregnancies, and supporting their growing family in every aspect of settling into their new life in Brooklyn.

But it's not only the lives of refugees themselves that are transformed by this radical accompaniment ministry. Both Fr. Steve Paulikas and Fr. Mark Genszler (rectors at All Saints and Christ Church, respectively) agree that people's involvement in this ministry has dramatically impacted spiritual life in their parishes. Some volunteers, "only call themselves Episcopalians due to their connectivity with this project." People who had not been deeply integrated into parish life – and even people who had never stepped in the church before – seemed to appreciate that the "church was doing what it was supposed to be doing."

Due to security concerns, not all volunteers or parishioners can meet the family their work is supporting. But one evening, after additional background checks, the family and volunteers were able to "break bread" – in this case, pizza – together.

"There was something sacramental about that night. Crowded around a table with sizzling NY slices, we heard about the trauma this family carried while we did what we could to forge an easier path for them," said Fr. Paulikas.

With a grant from Episcopal Ministries, this team is preparing to welcome a second family of refugees.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES CHANGING LIVES



join us!

Did you know that your parish ministry and any parishioner with an interest in starting a ministry can access tailored-to-your-needs training, ministry expertise, and a network of community connections (even if you don't want to apply for a grant)?

Here are a few ways EMLI can support you:

- 1:1 mentorship with a ministry leader who has done what you're working towards
- Pitching to local media
- Volunteer recruitment and retention guidance
- Social media training
- Intro to & more advanced grant writing
- Event publicity
- & much more!

your impact

When you make a gift to EMLI, you invest in ministries that center on the voices and concerns of people who are marginalized in our society. You're fueling ministries that implement local solutions to local challenges.

These are the solutions that transform lives for good. We've witnessed their power, and we're asking you to join us in making ministry possible in even more parishes and communities.

With a gift to EMLI, you become a vital part of this network of ministries. We can't do this work without your support.

"When you make a financial contribution Episcopal Ministries, you make it possible for people across our diocese to see the face of Christ in all God's children."

Giving to Episcopal Ministries is so much more than meeting the immediate needs of our neighbors: it's transforming our church into the Body of Christ."

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano
Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island
President, EMLI Board of Directors



Top: Volunteers from the St. Nick Fridge at Iglesia de la Santa Cruz + Bushwick Abbey are partnering with the North Brooklyn Angels to be the newest distribution hub for hot meals served out of the new "Angelmobil." Bottom Left: Tara organizes produce for the Pop-up Pantry in the narthex of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Pro-Cathedral; Bottom Right: Susanne helps a pantry patron select her choice of meat and produce at the Pantry at St. Peter's by-the-Sea

Left: Stephanie weeds a raised bed at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Organic Victory garden; a "Silver Bell" wins a game of Rummikub - a group favorite; Anakka harvests a potato at the Garden at St. Francis

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brings Christ's love
from pew to public
square. Thank you.**

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**Save the Date for our annual "Celebration of Ministry"
on October 18, 2023 in New Hyde Park!**

*Front Cover: Members of the "Silver Bells" enjoy
stand-up comedy at Trinity-St. John's in Hewlett
Side column: Ministries that have received
financial support from EMLI*

**BROOKLYN NEIGHBORS
FOR REFUGEES**

*All Saints', Park Slope
Christ Church, Cobble Hill*

CAMP COLOR

St. Mark's, Islip

CAMP DEWOLFE

Diocesan Camp & Retreat Center, Wading River

COMMON GROUND GARDEN

Redeemer, Mattituck & Holy Trinity, Greenport

COMMUNITY CHOIR

St. John's, Lattingtown

ORGANIC VICTORY GARDEN

St. Peter's by-the-Sea, Bayshore

THE GARDEN AT ST. FRANCIS

St. Francis, North Bellmore

NEIGHBORS BEING HUMAN

St. Andrew's, Yaphank

NORTH BROOKLYN ANGELS

*Volunteer-powered non-profit initially
launched through Ascension, Brooklyn*

NOURISH BABYLON

Christ Church, Babylon

PANTRY AT ST. PETER'S

St. Peter's by-the-Sea, Bayshore

POP-UP PANTRY

*St. Ann's & the Holy Trinity
Pro-Cathedral, Brooklyn Heights*

RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY

*Empowering & standing
with migrant farmworkers*

SILVER BELLS

Trinity-St. John's, Hewlett

ST. NICK FRIDGE

*Bushwick Abbey +
Iglesia de la Santa Cruz, Bushwick*

TUTORING & ESL PROGRAM

Grace & Resurrection, East Elmhurst